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**THE FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 19:
AMENDED SHEETS (Pages 50-52).**

CLAIMS

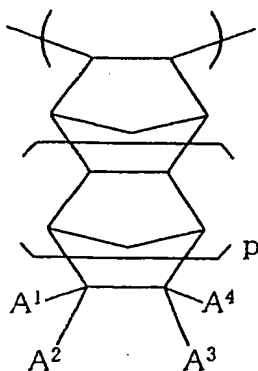
1. (After the amendment)

A method for treatment of a film or sheet, which is characterized by bringing a film or sheet containing a cyclic olefin based polymer or an aromatic polymer having a sulfonic group into contact with a gas containing a superheated water vapor.

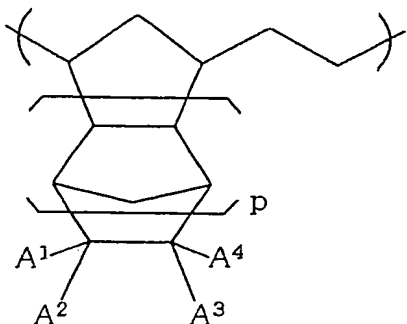
2. (Cancelled)

3. (After the amendment)

The method for treatment of a film or sheet according to claim 1, wherein the cyclic olefin based polymer is a cyclic olefin based polymer containing a structural unit (a) represented by the following formula (1-1) or a structural unit (b) represented by the following formula (1-2):



(1-1)

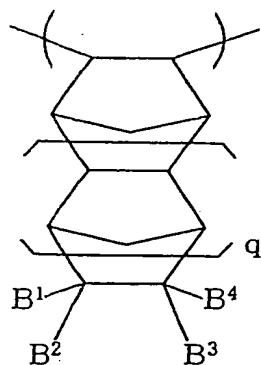


(1-2)

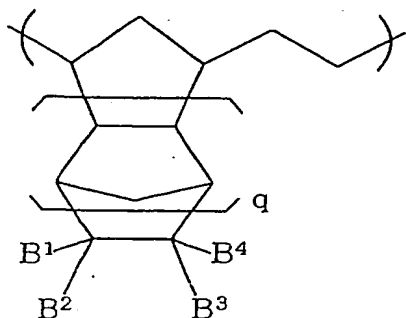
[in the formulae (1-1) and (1-2), A^1 to A^4 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a halogenated alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkoxy group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, or a cycloalkyl group having from 4 to 15 carbon atoms. Also, A^1 to A^4 include an alkylene group, a carboimido group, and an ester group as formed from A^1 and A^2 , A^1 and A^3 , or A^2 and A^4 . p represents an integer of from 0 to 2.]

4. (After the amendment)

The method for treatment of a film or sheet according to claim 1, wherein the cyclic olefin based polymer is a cyclic olefin based polymer containing the structural unit (a) according to claim 3 and a structural unit (c) represented by the following formula (2-1), or containing the structural unit (b) according to claim 3 and a structural unit (d) represented by the following formula (2-2):



(2-1)



(2-2)

[in the formulae (2-1) and (2-2), B¹ to B⁴ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a halogenated alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkoxy group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, a cycloalkyl group having from 4 to 15 carbon atoms, or a hydrolyzable silyl group, and at least one of B¹ to B⁴ represents a hydrolyzable silyl group. Also, B¹ to B⁴ include an alkylene group formed from B¹ and B³, or B² and B⁴. q represents an integer of from 0 to 2.]

5. The method for treatment of a film or sheet according to claim 4, wherein a compound capable of generating an acid at the treatment temperature is used simultaneously.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (After the amendment)

The method for treatment of a film or sheet according to any one of claims 1, 3, 4 and 5, wherein the gas containing a superheated water vapor has a temperature of from 100 to 300 °C and a pressure of from 0.001 to 0.5 MPa.